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& PRAYERS ARE WITH EVERYONE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT EVENTS
IN JAPAN. LET US ALL KEEP MOVING FORWARD!

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「後ろ姿の夏の猫」
一度と会いたくない男 [illegible]
俺のかつての親友に似た少年は何者だ?

西田東
トジツキハジメ
宮本佳野
櫻井しゅしゅしゅ
吉池マスコ
本橋馨子
猫田リコ
七瀬かい
明治カナ子
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君に恋する間は、永遠に続く夏休み。

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SOMEONE TO LOVE. 32 PAGES

SENSE OF LOVE

宮本佳野 Kano Miyamoto

OH.
WHAT IS IT?

SORRY, I FORGOT ABOUT A REPORT THAT'S DUE IN TOMORROW.
Let's see...
JUST LET ME PRINT IT REAL QUICK.
CAN'T YOU FINISH IT LATER?
HM?
ASAHI.
DO YOU REALISE HOW WEIRD YOU LOOK RIGHT NOW...?
Naked computing.
...
click

Miyazaki and I are in the same year at university.
Whirr
THAT'S DONE NOW, RIGHT?
HURRY UP AND GET YOURSELF BACK HERE
It all started...
when we were seated next to each other at a student party.
HEY
CAN I COME OVER TO YOUR PLACE?

I DON'T MIND.
I JUST NEED SOMEWHERE TO CRASH.
SURE. BUT IT'S PRETTY CRAMPED. I DON'T HAVE A GUEST FUTON, EITHER.
I didn't realise he was gay.
so I thought he was really only after a place to sleep
ASAHI'S YOUR FIRST NAME, RIGHT? I THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR SURNAME AT FIRST.
OH. YEAH. PRETTY OLD FASHIONED, RIGHT? MY GRANDDAD GAVE IT TO ME.
Hmm.
HN?
"ASAHI"
was really easy to talk to.
...YEAH, I ALWAYS GET TOLD OFF FOR BEING STONE-FACED.
I DON'T DO IT ON PURPOSE THOUGH. THIS IS NORMAL FOR ME.
HEHE...
WELL, IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A UNIQUE TRAIT LIKE THAT.
...YOU DON'T SMILE A LOT, DO YOU?
IT'S LIKE YOUR FACE NEVER CHANGES EXPRESSION NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO—
I found that Miyazaki

He was a pretty attractive guy.
NO TWO PEOPLE ARE THE SAME, AFTER ALL.
and being drunk certainly helped.
And so I found myself giving in to him...
AH!
NH...

but we've never really talked about w... it means to us.
We've been continuing this [illegible] a year already.
IF ANYONE NOTICES TELL THEM A GIRL DID IT.
NNH...
WAIT... DON'T LEAVE MARKS...
JUST KEEP STILL
NH...
But we're 22 already.
Once we graduate
we're bound to go our separate ways...

ASAKI-SENPAAAA!!
ENYA?
HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT YOU'RE DOING AFTER YOU GRADUATE, SENPAI?
I HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND YET...
IT'S NOT ENYA! THE KANJI IN MY NAME ARE PRONOUNCED TSUBURAYA!!
Sigh...
THAT'S MEAN!
WHAT DOES IT MATTER EITHER WAY?
AREN'T YOU CUTTING IT A BIT CLOSE?
OH, IT'LL ALL WORK ITSELF OUT...
...I GUESS THIS MEANS YOU'LL HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO MIYAZAKI-SAN SOON, TOO.
...

WELL, YOU'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER WHEN I SEE YOU
I HEARD MIYAZAKI-SAN'S HAD A JOB OFFER FROM A COMPANY FAR AWAY FROM HERE
WHAT D'YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I don't know why, but this guy's always coming over to talk to me.
BYE
DUNNO
I'VE GOT A LECTURE TO GO TO SEEYA
WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IF HE'S A HOMO TOO
My problem...
I've never been in a serious relationship with anyone, either
is that I've never really had much of a feel for love.
So this thing with Miyazaki will also end...
HAAH
COZ MY FEELINGS HAVE NEVER GROWN THAT DEEP.

—ASAHI.
HM?
IT'S KIND OF A MYSTERY NOVEL
HN...WHAT CAN I SAY, I'M A BOOK JUNKIE
IT'S JUST ONE BOOK AFTER ANOTHER WITH YOU...
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE READING?
WANT TO GRAB A HOT DRINK ON THE WAY HOME?
OH, HEY, MIYAZAKI! ASAHI-KUUN!
AH...
HEY, W..TCH OUT!
DANGER!
HUH?
...SHOVE OFF, YOU TWO.
AWW, WHYYY?
WE'VE ALRE..DY GOT PLANS TO C..TCH A FILM ON THE WAY HOME!
NO FUN!
squee
squee
THERE'S THIS NEW CAFE BY THE STATION, SEE~
THE WAITERS THERE ARE ALL TOTAL STUDS!!
...

ASAHI!
SMACK
!!
ARE YOU OKAY!?
Y-YEAH...
IT WAS JUST A GLANCING BLOW
Oh no!
HN? DOESN'T LOOK TOO BAD...
HERE, LET ME TAKE A LOOK
YOU IDIOTS! FIND SOME PLACE ELSE TO THROW YOUR STUPID BALL!!
SORRY ABOUT THAT! ARE YOU ALRIGHT OVER THERE!?
I never saw it coming
WE'RE REALLY SORRY!
UH...
I TOLD YOU, I'M FINE!

YOU SHOULD PUT SOME ICE ON IT JUST TO BE—
Daze
Daze
WHAT ARE YOU GAWKING AT!
Squee! Squee!
Squee! More!
GEEZ
WELL, SEE YOU LATER THEN ASAHI
YEAH
WOW... THAT MIYAKAZI REALLY IS A BIT OF A CATCH, ISN'T HE?
HE'S SMART, GOOD-LOOKING, AND REALLY CARING
IF ONLY HE WASN'T SO COLD TO US GIRLS ALL THE TIME...
THEY ONLY REALISE THAT NOW?
Way ahead of you, girls.
That's right.
SEEYA, ASAHI-KUN
YEAH
Miyazaki is a really awesome guy.

...
but, still—
...ARE YOU ENJOYING THE MOVIE?
YEAH.
YEAH.
...EVERY-ONE'S IN TEARS.
munch munch
LET'S GO
EXIT

MH...
HEY WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, MIYAZAKI?
rattle
YOU'RE CRUSHING ME
OW!
thwack
MIYA-ZAKI!
SHOVE!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU?
ARE YOU THAT PENT UP!?
...
ASAHI...

WH... WHAT?
OH, SO YOU'LL BE STAYING ON AT UNI, ASAHI-KUN?
YEAH I'LL NEED TO, TO GET THE QUALIFI-CATIONS I WANT
WHAT QUALIFICA-TIONS ARE THOSE?
slump
...
LET ME STAY OVER. I'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK
Ugh...
What the hell?
.. GO SLEEP IN THE BED
THANKS

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST ONES...
WOW, THAT SOUNDS PRETTY COOL!
YOU GOING TO BECOME A THERAPIST?
YEAH
...'SUP WITH YOU, MIYAZAKI-KUN?
HM?
I'M JUST A BIT HUNGOVER
HEY, MIYAZAKI. D'YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'LL BE LIVING FOR YOUR NEW JOB?
YOU'RE BEING REALLY QUIET
AGAIN? YOU SURE ARE DRINKING A LOT LATELY
HN. IT'S STILL A BIT EARLY FOR THAT.
...WHEN DID YOU DECIDE YOU WERE STAYING ON AT UNI?
ME...? A LITTLE WHILE AGO.
crumple
OH
WHAT'S WRONG?
sigh
NOTHING

MIYAZAKI...?
Miyazaki-
What's up with him?
Startle
SHIT!
HE NEVER ASKED ME FOR ADVICE BEFORE, EITHER
HE WENT FOR THAT JOB WITHOUT TELLING ME ABOUT IT, TOO
SO WHAT THE HELL WAS WITH THAT ATTITUDE?
IT'S NOT LIKE HE EVER TOLD ME WHAT HIS FEELINGS FOR ME ARE
WHAT'S WRONG?
ENYA

HOW TALL ARE YOU?
stare
ME? ABOUT 1.78*, I THINK...
WHOA, SOMEONE'S IN A FOUL MOOD...
NOTHING'S WRONG
SHUT IT, YOU.
AH HANG ON A SEC!
OH, RIGHT
ALMOST THE SAME HEIGHT AS HE IS...
Pisses me off!
OKAY?
THAT'S COZ HE HASN'T BEEN CONTACTING ME...
LET'S GO OUT FOR A DRINK!
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HANGING WITH MIYAZAKI-SAN MUCH THESE DAYS, HAVE YOU?
C'MON, IT'LL BE FUN!

T/N approximately 5'8

Aah... now I know for sure.
YOU'LL COME, RIGHT?
This guy really is hitting on me...
HEY, LET'S GO TO MY PLACE TO DRINK, 'KAY?
SURE...
ENYA.
YES?
AM I REPULSIVE?
HUH?

...
That's not it...
...WHAT RE YOU TALKING ABOUT.
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE, ASAHI-SENPAI INSIDE AND OUT
I'VE NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD WHAT THE BIG DEAL IS ABOUT LOVE
IT'S LIKE I'VE ALWAYS STAYED PRETTY INDIFFERENT TOWARDS OTHER PEOPLE...
SO I KEEP THINKING MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME...
IS THIS ABOUT YOU AND MIYAZAKI-SAN?
...
YEAH...
BUT THAT GUY'S GOING FAR AWAY SOON, ISN'T HE?
YEAH...
Ah.
beep ♪
OH, GREAT
I HAD A FEELING YOU GUYS WERE INVOLVED.

IS THAT A TEXT FROM MIYAZAKI-SAN?
IT'S JUST MY MUM
I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM MIYAZAKI IN AGES.
Oh.
—HEY
WHAT?
OH, COME ON IT'S OBVIOUS YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK UP WITH HIM.
AND YOU MUST'VE NOTICED THAT I'VE ALWAYS
HAD THIS HUGE CRUSH ON YOU, RIGHT...?
—SO, CAN WE...?
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT I FIGURED YOU WERE JUST AFTER SEX.
...
He's got that right.
GEEZ, YOU CAN BE PRETTY DENSE SOMETIMES.

It's because I'm like this
NH...
that Miyazaki left me.
HEY, HOLD ON—
WAIT, I SAID—
AH...
I really
a stupid, dense idiot...

I haven't been to see Enya after that night, either.
ANOTHER TEXT FROM ENYA, HUH
And so, without having met up with Miyazaki at all...
I'm now whiling away the days of my last ever summer holiday as an undergrad.
beep
toss
I'll reply later...
That's not a road I ever wanted to go down.
MI-MIYAZAKI!?
!
I WONDER WHAT MIYAZAKI'S DOING NOW...
DING-DONG
NH
HEY.

WH-WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE SO SUDDENLY!?
NH JUST TO TALK
CAN I COME IN?
S-SURE
HM?
D D'YOU WANT SOME-THING TO DRINK?
YEAH, THANKS
CRAP, I FEEL LIKE CRYING
WHAT'VE YOU BEEN UP TO ALL THIS TIME?
OH
I'VE BEEN CHECKING OUT THE COMPANY WITH THE JOB OFFER AND
Oh, stuff
Right.
HEY, YOU WANT COKE OR A BEER?
!
...
MIYAZAKI?
HEY...
DON'T JUST READ STUFF ON MY PHONE!!

I DID HEAR A RUMOUR HE WAS GAY
IS THIS...
A TEXT FROM TSUBURAYA?
CAN I COME STAY OVER TONIGHT?
...
ASAHI!
—DID YOU SLEEP WITH HIM?
Y...
YEAH...
...
OH...
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN...
...
I'M LEAVING.
SORRY FOR THE INTRUSION.
OPEN
...EH?

THE KINDA GUY THAT CAN'T HANDLE LOVE...
I ALWAYS SUSPECTED YOU WERE THAT KINDA GUY.
HOLD ON... MIYAZAKI!?
...YOU KNOW.
IT TOOK ME A YEAR TO REALISE, BUT I GET IT NOW.
WHAT!?
SEEYA.

WHAT?
YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING TO ME EITHER!
BUT... BUT YOU NEVER...
...WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?
...COME AGAIN?
YOU JUST DECIDED TO GO FOR THAT JOB WITHOUT TELLING ME...
AND WHEN YOU COME OVER, WE JUST DO IT. YOU NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT ME!
I...I HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT US...
I'VE BEEN SERIOUSLY AGONIZING OVER WHAT'S HAPPENING BETWEEN US!

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER BEEN IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE...
I HAVEN'T CRIED IN FRONT OF ANYONE FOR OVER 10 YEARS, EITHER.
AND YET, YOU DIDN'T SEND ME A SINGLE TEXT...
YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE FAR AWAY WHERE I CAN'T REACH YOU...
AND YOU LEFT ME BY THE WAYSIDE ALL THIS TIME...
I MEAN, WHAT THE HELL DID I DO TO PISS YOU OFF SO MUCH? I TOTALLY DON'T GET IT!
...EVERYTHING'S SO COMPLICATED WITH YOU
THE HELL!?
YOU NEVER LET ME IN ON YOUR THOUGHTS. WHATEVER I DO, I CAN NEVER TELL IF YOU'RE PLEASED OR NOT.
I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT IF YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT ME OR JUST PLAYING...

I'M SORRY FOR WHAT I SAID BEFORE.
IT'S COZ I SUCK AT EXPRESSING MYSELF.
NH.
I GUESS THAT'S PART OF IT.
DON'T CRY, OKAY?
...
CAN YOU TELL ME WHY YOU DID THAT WITH TSUBURAYA?
BUT IT WAS ONLY ONCE. AND I REALLY REGRETTED IT.
I HAVEN'T BEEN TO SEE HIM SINCE.
I DON'T WANT TO, EITHER.
I WAS DRUNK—
AND THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO LEAVE ME...

I'M THE ONE TO BLAME FOR THIS
...I'M SORRY, ASAHI...
IF I'M HONEST, I WAS FEELING KINDA INSECURE AS WELL...
BUT I SHOULD'VE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT IT PROPERLY
...YOU PROMISE?
YEAH.
B...BUT YOU'RE TAKING THAT FAR-AWAY JOB, AREN'T YOU?
I DON'T THINK I COULD DEAL WITH A LONG DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP...
WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO...?
...SO YOU WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE ANYMORE?
I WON'T.
I'LL STAY TOGETHER WITH YOU FROM NOW ON.

HUH?
YEAH, WELL...
THAT'S ACTUALLY THE REASON I CAME TO TALK TO YOU TODAY
It turns out that the company he was supposed to work for
suddenly took an economic turn for the worse.
So, with brilliant timing, they retracted Miyazaki's job offer.
EH...
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
TH-THAT'S SO CRUEL OF YOU!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH HIM? AND WHY ISN'T HE GOING FOR THAT JOB...?
wail
L-LOOK...
I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND A GREAT GUY SOON...
He's decided to start looking for work here in the area now.
I-I'M SORRY, ENYA...

All I can do is wait nervously to find out what job he gets.
stare
DID YOU HAVE LECTURES TODAY?
YEAH, JUST ONE.
OH, RIGHT.
WANNA GO BACK TOGETHER?
CLACK
CLACK
AH, MIYAZAKI!
'KAY.
Love really can be pretty complicated, but
YEAH LET'S GO TO YOUR PLACE.
THE LOVING RELATIONSHIP THAT CONTINUES PAST GRADUATION.
JUST YOU WAIT, ANY DAY NOW THERE'LL BE A GIGANTIC EARTHQUAKE AND EVERYONE'S GONNA DIE!
I'm gonna try extra hard
AW MAN, SCREW YOU!
JUST BREAK UP ALREADY, WILL YOU!?
to make sure the two of us can always be together...
... ASAH!
THAT DUDE'S CRYING.
Am I not?
The End